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1. THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT ALLOWS ONLY THE CLASSI-  
FICATION OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF AN ARMS SALE, THE NUMBER  
OF THE ITEM SOLD AND THE DESCRIPTION OF THOSE ITEMS. WE  
WILL, THEREFORE, KEEP CONFIDENTIAL THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS  
OF AIT PURCHASED BY THE THAI. SINCE SUCH INFORMATION IS  
CONTAINED IN THE AIT LETTERS OF OFFER BUT IS NOT PART OF  
THE AIT MOA, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO CLAS-

SIFY THE MOA. MOREOVER, SECTION 21(F) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT REQUIRES THAT FMS CONTRACTS "SHALL BE PREPARED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PERMIT THEM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES".

2. THE FOLLOWING Q AND A IS THEREFORE PROVIDED FOR PRESS INQUIRIES:

A. THERE WAS A RECENT PRESS REPORT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT OVER THE SALE OF AMMUNITION WERE NEAR

CONCLUSION. AS I RECALL, THERE WERE SEVERAL ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE TIME THE FINAL U.S. TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND LAST SUMMER. COULD YOU TELL US IF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED OR WHAT THE PRESENT STATUS IS?

A. WHEN AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE MET WITH THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTER LAST JULY, THEY NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE UNDERWAY REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ICS); THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION IN THAILAND (AIT); AND THE ARRANGEMENT BY WHICH THAI TECHNICIANS WOULD OPERATE THE SEISMIC RESEARCH STATION AT CHIANG MAI. THE AGREEMENT ON THE SEISMIC RESEARCH STATION OPERATION WAS SIGNED ON DECEMBER 29, 1976. THE AGREEMENT ON ICS WAS SIGNED ON JANUARY 10, 1976 AND THE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING THE AMMUNITION WAS INITIALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON (TO BE PROVIDED) AND AWAITS CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO SIGNATURE.

Q. WHAT DO THESE AGREEMENTS ENTAIL?

A. COPIES OF THE AIT, CHIANG MAI AND THE ICS AGREEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS. THE PRECISE DETAILS OF THE AIT AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, ARE BEING KEPT CLASSIFIED BECAUSE THEIR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY, NOTABLY OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH THAILAND. I CAN TELL YOU, HOWEVER, THAT THE OVERALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION SOLD IS APPROXIMATELY 14,500 TONS WITH A TOTAL PRICE TAG OF ABOUT 45 MILLION DOLLARS.

Q. DO ANY OF THESE AGREEMENTS REQUIRE THE STATIONING OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THAILAND?

A. AS OF 20 JULY 1976, ALL MAJOR U.S. INSTALLATIONS WERE CLOSED AND THE ONLY REMAINING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN

THAILAND ARE THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR EMBASSY. THESE PERSONNEL INCLUDE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U.S. MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP (JUSMAG), THE EMBASSY'S MARINE GUARDS AND TECHNICIANS AT THE SEATO MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY. WITH RESPECT TO THE THREE AGREEMENTS, FIVE U.S. AIR FORCE ENLISTED MEN ATTACHED TO JUSMAG WILL BE STATIONED AT CHIANG MAI FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THEIR THAI COUNTER-PARTS. THEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN GRADUALLY, WITH THE LAST DEPARTING IN DECEMBER 1977. THE AIT AGREEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE THAT THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO JUSMAG BE POSTED AT KORAT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE UNTIL THE AIT TITLE IS TRANSFERRED TO THE RTG OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

Q. DOESN'T ONE OF THE AGREEMENTS THE EMBASSY NEGOTIATED INVOLVE THE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING OF U.S. MILITARY AIR-CRAFT AT TAKHLI?  
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A. IN A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 16 FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK AND THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTER, IT WAS NOTED THAT THAILAND HAD GRANTED TRANSITING U.S. AIRCRAFT PERMISSION TO UTILIZE THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE AT TAKHLI FOR REFUELING AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS.

Q. ARE THERE ANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED AT TAKHLI?

A. THERE ARE SEVERAL AMERICAN CIVILIANS WHO ASSIST IN THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSIT FLIGHTS. (FYI: TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TYPE OR FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS, REPLY "NO COMMENT".)  
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